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Meeting of the Interdepartmental Group
on START Policy

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The IG reviewed eleven issues related to the draft START Treaty. The result of the discussion on each issue is summarized below:

1. Article IV: Ban on Earth-Penetrating Warheads

Decision: Subject to later reconsideration, the bracketed language banning EPWs will be deleted.

2. Article VI: Training Launchers at ICBM Launcher Deployment Areas

Decision: The bracketed language requiring all test and training launchers of ICBMs and SLBMs to be located at test ranges is accepted. JCS will develop language, perhaps for the MOU, which would make an exception for mockups with no operational capability at launcher deployment areas. Agencies will also consider ways to strengthen the provision that launchers at test ranges will only be for testing and training.

3. Article VII: Space Launch Vehicles

Decision: Delete the footnote and retain the existing text, but continue to study the issue of the level and locations of space launch vehicles.

4. Article IX: Reference to NTM

Decision: The Treaty Working Group will develop and circulate a new compromise formulation. If no agreement is reached, the issue will be referred to the NSC for resolution.

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5. Article IX: Reference to Concealment Measures

Decision: JCS will consider the issue further. ACDA will consult with INF officials to clarify the approach in the current version of the INF Treaty. It was agreed that, however the issue is resolved, the START and INF Treaties should be consistent.

6. Article IX: Access to Telemetry

Decision: No resolution - JCS will attempt to clarify their position on an urgent basis. The need for the results of the Intelligence Community study requested by JCS was noted. If differences remain, this issue will be sent to NSC for resolution prior to the return of the delegation.

7. Article X: Role of the SCC

Decision: The Treaty Working Group will develop and circulate new language modifying two sub paragraphs. If no agreement is reached, the issue will be referred to the NSC for resolution.

8. and 9. Annex 1: Heavy Bomber Definition and Cruise Missile Definition

Decision: No resolution. IG will consider these issues further.

10. Annex III: Launcher Conversion

Decision: IG will consider this issue further. A suggestion was made to insert the words "unless otherwise agreed" in the bracketed text.

11. Annex III: Throw-Weight Definition

Decision: Agencies will consider whether the concept can be simplified. The Delegation will engage the Soviets further on the concept of potential throw-weight and send back specific criticisms if appropriate.

ACDA will expeditiously circulate a revised draft Treaty text incorporating agreed revisions.

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